THE ADVOCATE

MISTRESS NANCE OF MILBURN TOWN.

When I had gone the highway down, I met swoot Mistress Nancy there, With bonnet quaint and jaunty gown, And sundown glints about her hair:

And sundown glints about her hair:
Such silken hosen, dainty feet
That should not climb the mountain lands.
Such wondrous hair, like sheafened wheat
All bursting from its golden bands.
"Sweet Mistress." I made bold to say,
"May I go thown the glelle with you?
I heard a bird sing resterday,
I wish me what it sang were true.
A robin bird" (my knees did shake
To see that she did me so view),
"A robin bird" (I did so quake),
"I wish me what it sang were true."

A robin bird ' u did so were true."
"I wish me what it sang were true." "Ah, Reuben Foster," quoth the lass,
"What alls the lad that he's gone w
Best get thee to thy looking gla"—
What is it of the robin's song?
I'll warrant me the bird did flee
Ere thou didst learn its piping lay.
Ah, Reuben, man, art fooling me?
And is it naught thou hast to say?"

"Sweet Mistress Nance of Milburn town, I am a loutish country lad, In bonnet quaint and jaunty gown You quite distract and make me mad." And all this time the bonnet's tints Grew quainter still, I do declare,

And all this time the sundown glints

Made merry with the unsheafed bair.

"What riddle talk ye, Reuben, man?"
And tossed her wondrous mane along:
"To it again, where ye began—
Wint is it of the robin's song?
I'll warrant me in all the throng Along the green there's none so rare As would not tell a robin's song." And tossed again her wondrous hair.

And all this time we passed along. The lass did so undo my brain I durst not tell the robin's song-I durst not tell the room's song—
I wish that we might walk again;
And all this time the highway down
I went with Mistress Nancy fair.
Up by the globe into the town,
Some sun glints still about her hair.
—William Page Carter in Century.

The Wave Length Standard. Scientists have long sought for a fixed and invariable standard of length. The measures in common use are mere arbitrary lengths, and, if the original standards should be destroyed, could not be accurately replaced. The French meter is supposed to be a ten-millionth part of the quadrant of the earth; but the accuracy of the original measurements have been seriously called in question. Therefore, the so called "wave lengths" of light have been suggested as furnishing an invariable numerical magnitude, but their excessive minuteness and the difficulty of accurately measuring them have hitherto been an objection to their use

But it is said that a method of meas uring these wave lengths, which is ec curate to the one ten-millionth part, has been discovered. When it is considered that a wave length of sodium (yellow) light is only about one forty-thousandth of an inch, the extreme delicacy of this method becomes apparent. Whatever theory may be held as to the nature of light, the numerical values, called "wave lengths" for convenience, are actual and invariable representatives of something; and if the proposed new method of measurement proves reliable, there will be no difficulty in obtaining a fixed standard of length which can be reproany time or place, -St. Louis

on That Develop Che These loose fitting russet leather shoes that are now worn so generally in summer time cause us lots of trouble,' said a shoe clerk in a big up town store the other day. "You see, the summer shoes are so much more roomy than the ordinary shoes that the fost broadens, and then when our customers, especially those who wear the summer shoes all the season, come to get fitted with an ordinary shoe they wonder why we cannot fit them as easily as usual, and why the size that used to fit them pinches and cramps their feet. We have to give some of our customers half a size larger, and those who like to have their feet look as small as possible protest that it is the fault of our stock, when it is of course the fault of their summer shoes

"The low shoes that so many women wear in summer cause us more trouble even than the men's russet shoes. These low shoes or ties worn constantly develop the insteps, and then of course it is very hard to get a shoe as small as the one the customer was in the habit delayed. of wearing. Then comes real trouble. It is hard to break the news to a young and pretty woman that her foot has grown larger during the summer, and it is still harder to get her to believe that training over mountain and camer-ing on the school in low shoes has given her a larger instep."—New York Times.

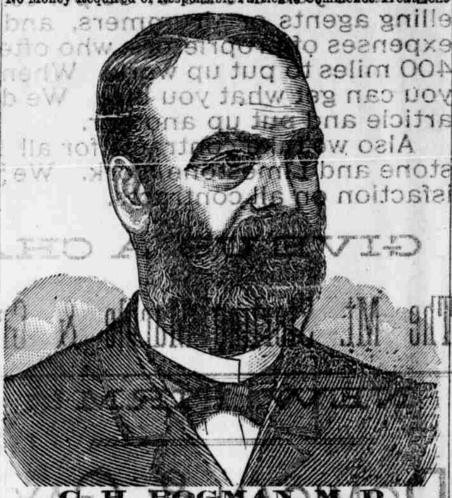
Clergymen Who Smoke.
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